

**What is claimed is:**

1. An electronic purchase system for providing a  
5 place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers  
participate, comprising:  
a storage unit storing sales-related information  
about a commodity that the seller offers;  
a purchaser registration unit registering one  
10 or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers; and  
a publication unit making public the  
sales-related information public to purchasers  
registered by said purchaser registration unit.
- 15 2. The electronic purchase system according to  
claim 1, wherein  
the sales-related information is set for each  
purchaser company by the seller.
- 20 3. The electronic purchase system according to  
claim 1, wherein  
information registered in said purchaser  
registration unit is updated based on a trade between  
the seller and each purchaser.

4. An electronic purchase system for providing a place where a purchaser and a plurality of sellers participate, comprising:

a seller registration unit registering one or  
5 more sellers of the plurality of sellers;

a reception unit receiving a request related to a trade of a commodity from the purchaser; and

a publication unit making public the request only  
to sellers registered by said seller registration unit.  
10

5. The electronic purchase system according to claim 4, wherein

information registered in said seller  
registration unit is updated based on a trade between  
15 the purchaser and each seller.

6. An electronic purchase system for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate, comprising:

20 a storage unit storing sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers and is individually set for one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers; and

a publication unit making public the  
25 sales-related information to the plurality of

purchasers.

7. The electronic purchase system according to claim 6, wherein

5 the sales-related information is updated based on a trade between the seller and each purchaser.

8. An electronic purchase method for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate, comprising:

inputting sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers;

10 registering one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers according to an instruction from the seller; and

15 making public the sales-related information to the registered purchasers.

9. An electronic purchase method for providing a place where a purchaser and a plurality of sellers participate, comprising:

20 registering one or more sellers of the plurality of sellers according to an instruction from the purchaser;

25 receiving a request related to a trade of a

commodity from the purchaser; and

making public the request to the registered sellers.

- 5 10. An electronic purchase method for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate, comprising:

inputting sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers and is individually  
10 set for one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers; and

making public the sales-related information to the plurality of purchasers.

- 15 11. A storage medium storing a program executed by a computer, the program comprising:

a code for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate;

a code for receiving sales-related information  
20 about a commodity that the seller offers;

a code for registering one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers according to an instruction from the seller; and

a code for making public the sales-related  
25 information to the registered purchasers.

12. A storage medium storing a program executed by a computer, the program comprising:

a code for providing a place where a purchaser  
5 and a plurality of sellers participate;

a code for registering one or more sellers of the plurality of sellers according to an instruction from the purchaser;

a code receiving a request related to a trade  
10 of a commodity from the purchaser; and

a code for making public the request to the registered sellers.

13. A storage medium storing a program executed by  
15 a computer, the program comprising:

a code for providing a place where a seller and a plurality of purchasers participate;

a code for receiving sales-related information about a commodity that the seller offers and is  
20 individually set for one or more purchasers of the plurality of purchasers from the purchaser; and

making public the sales-related information to the plurality of purchasers.

25 14. A trade support system for supporting a commodity

trade between a seller and a purchaser using a network,  
comprising:

a management unit managing a past trade amount  
of each purchaser; and

5 a discount unit discounting a trade price if a  
total or average trade amount of a purchaser for a past  
specific period exceeds a specific value, when the  
purchaser purchases a commodity from the seller.

10 15. The trade support system according to claim 14,  
wherein

a discount amount reduced from a current trade  
price is calculated based on a trade amount of the  
purchaser for a past specific period.

15

16. The trade support system according to claim 14,  
wherein

the total or average trade amount is a total or  
average trade amount between a seller and a purchaser  
20 in the current trade for a past specific period.